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I am adding my comment on the proposed antitrust settlement with 9 states and Microsoft. It is my opinion that the DOJ has "gone soft" on Microsoft, dropping some of the key provisions for a just and fair settlement.

It also appears to me that the DOJ is preparing to let Microsoft off with a slap on the hands instead of any real penalty.

Microsoft was convicted of predatory practices aimed at squashing the competition and I believe they should be punished. Their conviction held up under appeal.

I agree with the 9 states that "pulled out" and are seeking tougher remedies.

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